**Capt. Y. V. Ayya.**—

Can you not get periodical progress reports of the work that is being done in the High Court and review the same?

**Dewan.**—

We can only draw the attention of the High Court, but we cannot interfere with their work.

**Mr. K. Venkataswamiah.**—

Would it not be possible to have a column in the case sheet to show the interval between the hearing of the case and pronouncing judgment?

**Dewan.**—

So far as the High Court is concerned, Government have got every confidence in their ability to administer justice in the best possible manner. They try to dispose of cases as early as possible. In cases where there are delays, there may be some reason. It is not right to discuss more on the subject.

MESSRS. A. M. VENKATASAMIAH (Closepet Municipality), VEERASANJEEVAGOWDA (Closepet Taluk) and T. MADIAH GOWDA (Special Interest).—

*Q.—4.* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When did the tank bund of the Brahmanipura Tank in Channapatna Taluk breach?

(*b*) Is it a fact that a number of petitions and representations have been received by Government for its repairs?

(*c*) Have the Government got an estimate prepared for the same?

(*d*) Have the Government held out any promise to get the repairs executed expeditiously; if so, when?

(*e*) If the work has not yet been commenced, what are the reasons for the same?

(*f*) Are the Government aware that the raiyat population is put to great hardship owing to the breach of the tank bund?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

*A.—4.* (*a*) In the year 1931.

(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) No.
(*e*) Due to heavy commitments on irrigation works and financial stringency.
(*f*) No.

*Supplementary Questions and Answers.*

**Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—**

With reference to the answer to (*d*) is it not a fact that the Government promised in one of the previous sessions of the Assembly that they would get the repairs executed expeditiously?

**Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—**

We do not know when that promise was given. This work is provided for in the next year's budget.

**Dewan.—**

The work is going to be taken up.

**Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—**

Have not the people been put to great hardship owing to the breach of the tank bund? Is not the answer "No" to Sub-Section (*f*) of the question strange?

**Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—**

There may be hardship to some extent, but not to a very great extent. We have not received any report from the Revenue Department in the matter. The information is that there is crop under the tank.

**Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—**

Were remissions granted in respect of lands under this tank during any year in the past?

**Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—**

They might have been given during some years.

**Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—**

Is any remission proposed to be given during this year?

**Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—**

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**Mr. V. V. Iyer.—**

Is it right to recover wet assessment under breached tanks?

**Second Member of Council.—**

That is a different matter. There are rules governing the subject. It is against rules to collect full wet rates under breached tanks, but the actual facts are not known to Government.

**Mr. S. C. Malliah.—**

In reply to (*e*) it is stated that the work could not be taken up due to heavy commitments on irrigation works and financial stringency. Is it not necessary to restore breached tanks and complete them in preference to taking up new works?

**Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—**

That is a matter of opinion.

**Mr. S. C. Malliah.—**

You seem to be under the impression that undertaking new irrigation works is more important than restoring the breached tanks.

**Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—**

You cannot say that.

**Mr. S. C. Malliah.—**

Are not new works being taken up with the object of getting more assessment?

**Second Member of Council.—**

We cannot agree to that statement.

**Dewan.—**

There are many cases like this of breached tanks. All of them cannot be taken up together. It is a question of funds.

**Mr. S. C. Malliah.**—

For the repairs of the breached tank under discussion, Government would get contribution. Under such circumstances, why should they not take up the work early?

**Dewan.**—

This is a work that should be taken up.

**Mr. S. C. Malliah.**—

When will it be taken up?

**Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.**—

This has been included in the next year's budget.

**Dewan.**—

The work will be taken up next year and completed.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

At the request of several members of the House, the discussion on Government Business was put off till the next day.

MR. B. S. PUTTASWAMY represented that it would be of very great help to the members in discussing the general principles if copies of the bills were made available to them.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL observed that the members of the Assembly were expected to give their views only on the points mentioned in the statement of general principles. The bills would be ready only after discussion in the Assembly was over. It was not necessary to place the bills before the House. If that was done, there would be a lot of unnecessary discussion and the Assembly was not competent to express opinion on them. All that was expected of the Assembly was that they should give their approval to the general principles of the measure.

THE DEWAN drew the attention of Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy to Rule 8 of the Representative Assembly Manual and observed that it should be adhered to. The Assembly was expected to give its opinion on particular matters placed before it in the form of a statement. The other details should be left for discussion in the Legislative Council.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA said that, as copies of the bills were being printed for supply to the Legislative Council